

Eco Team Work Session agenda
September 19, 2005
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
DEQ Room 1A (1st floor), 2020 SW 4th Ave., Portland

- 10:00 Discuss, modify as needed, and agree on the overall plan for Eco Team work sessions between now and the end of October (see attached proposal) – *All*
- 10:10 Review today's meeting agenda and what we need to accomplish – *All*
- 10:15 Summary of EI's review of all ERA documents received from LWG to date – *Val, Chris*
- Expected outcome: Discuss EI's conclusions and related big-picture questions
- 10:45 Review Burt's proposed ecological conceptual site model and food web structure model and compare with the LWG's proposals – *All*
- Review in advance: Burt's proposed ecological CSM (see Burt's 9/16/05 email); LWG's 9/9/05 PRE Figure 2-1 and Table 2-1, and LWG's 4/23/04 PH Workplan Figures 5-4 and 5-5
 - Expected outcome: Agree on any needed changes to LWG's proposed ecological CSM and food web structure models; explain why the changes are necessary
- 11:45 Lunch break
- 12:15 Continue work on changes to LWG's proposed ecological CSM and food web structure models – *All*
- 2:00 Break
- 2:15 Future Eco Team work session schedule – *All*
- Expected outcome: Discuss and agree on locations and topics for future work sessions
- 2:30 Discuss short term Eco Team work needs – *Joe leads*
- Expected outcome: Agree on meetings, timeline and lead roles for getting immediate work needs done
- 3:00 Discuss Benthic Tissue Sampling Approach – *All*
- Expected outcome: Start discussion and if possible, develop agreement on what our comments will be to LWG
- 4:00 Adjourn

Proposed plan for Eco Team work sessions

Mid-September through end of October

Overall goal and objectives: The Eco Team's goal over the next six weeks is to develop clear direction to the LWG on what needs to happen for the ERA over the next year, including

- changes to the conceptual models we are using to describe Portland Harbor's ecological system and the food web structure
- high priority data gaps that need to be filled to produce an effective ERA for the RI
- expectations on how the data gaps will be filled
- direction on effectively modeling food web dynamics and the effects of contaminant fate and transport on ecological receptors

Tasks: To achieve these objectives, the Eco Team will need to

- look at the ecological system conceptual model and food web structure model that the LWG has proposed and agree on needed changes to these models
- understand and assess the ERA data we currently have and agree on additional data needs to fill in the conceptual eco system and food web structure models; then prioritize and explain data needs
- develop agreed-upon expectations for how the data gaps should be filled, including timelines for getting the work done
- understand and assess the food web models the LWG has proposed and agree on needed changes to the modeling approach, including modeling needed to understand the effects of contaminant fate and transport
- draft and finalize clear written direction to the LWG that captures the teams consensus in an organized and complete way

Work session dates: Here are the dates we've agreed to hold for Eco Team work sessions. On Monday afternoon, we will agree on future meeting locations that are most convenient for everyone.

- Sept 19: Eco Team work session in Portland – CSM, food web structure
- Oct 3-4: Eco Team work session (in Centralia or Olympia?) – data analysis, data gaps
- Oct 17: hold for Eco Team work session if needed (location TBD) – topic TBD
- Oct 24-25: Eco Team work session (in Seattle?) – topic TBD
- Nov 1-2: hold for Eco Team work session if needed (location TBD) – topic TBD